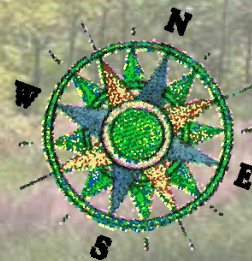




FIELD *Notes*



From DuPuis Management Area

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Florida Atlantic University's Center for Environmental Studies (FAU/CES) in partnership with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) at DuPuis Management Area offers environmental education programs for students, teachers and adults focusing on the Pine Flatwoods and other upland habitats. Programs target secondary students, educators and adults. Yearly events such as Earth Day, National Public Lands Day and Nature Lecture Series are offered at the Visitors' Center.

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Spotlight on DuPuis

SUMMER/FALL 2005

Our Land Remembered: DuPuis' First Summer Camp

DuPuis Management Area hosted its first summer camp during the month of June. The camp was developed in partnership with Indiantown Middle School. A total of 28 students from grades 5-7 participated in the Summer Camp. The goal of DuPuis' Summer Camp was to teach the students about the natural environment, as well as Florida's rich heritage. As a part of our theme, a section from the book "A Land Remembered" was read to the campers everyday. Students enjoyed field trips, guest speakers and hiking the property. The Summer Camp was a huge success!



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FAU/CES at DuPuis is teaching students from Okeechobee, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Dade counties about upland habitats and wildlife in an outdoors setting. To learn more about the Field Studies Program go to <http://riverwoods.ces.fau.edu/news/dupuisnews.php>
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Field Studies



New Picnic Facilities

Three Seminole Indian Chiki Huts have been built at Shell Lake. The new picnic facilities will include picnic tables and charcoal grilles. Shell Lake is located at the end of DuPuis Grade which is accessed through Gate 1.





What's Happening!

National Public Lands Day

Join us at DuPuis to celebrate **National Public Lands Day on October 1st**. The day will begin at **10:00 a.m.** with Alana Edwards (FAU/CES) speaking about the Wonders of Wildflowers at DuPuis. Volunteers will then plant wildflowers along the habitat trail and in the butterfly garden. Spend the afternoon relaxing under the shade of DuPuis' old oak trees with lunch and cold drinks (hot dogs available for purchase or bring your own lunch). For more information on Public Lands Day visit www.npld.com and <http://riverwoods.ces.fau.edu/news/dupuisnews.php>

Nature Lecture Series

November 5, 2005 – Finally, the opportunity is here!

Get expert instruction and advice on how to operate a GPS. Rick Householder, SFWMD Senior Geographer, will be giving a presentation on how to use a GPS unit. After the presentation, have fun practicing your new skills during our one-day geo cache.

December 10, 2005 – Wildlife in the Woodlands

Join us to see local native wildlife up close including a panther, bobcat and an alligator! DuPuis is hosting Arnolds Wildlife Rehabilitation Center on Dec. 10th from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

FALL FUN POKER RUN

Runners, Hikers and Horseback Riders please join the DuPuis Horseman's Association for their annual fund-raising Poker Run on Sunday December 4, 2005. This is a game of Poker on foot or hoof, with cash prizes to the best 3 hands and many door prizes for participants. Start at 8:30 to 9:30 am and return by 11:30 am.

FAU's Friends of DuPuis

Become a FAU *Friend of DuPuis* and support Environmental Science and Education Programs for students, teachers and adults in our community. To learn more about becoming a *Friend of DuPuis* check on line at <http://riverwoods.ces.fau.edu/news/dupuisnews.php>
Let's see who is on the Friends of DuPuis list so far! We may be small now, but watch us grow!

Ron Altice
Betty Doleshall
Nathalie Browne
Dan Cotter
Fred Davis
Lana & Dave Edwards
Linda Gasparini
Chip Gillespie
Kathleen Harris

Bill Helfferich
Debra Klein
James & Yvette O'Brien
Laurie Odium
Nancy Read
Rhonda Roff
Melodie Sutherland
Jose Vega

DID YOU KNOW?

DuPuis is home to the endangered *Nemastylis floridana*, also known as the Celestial Lily or Fall-flowering Ixia. The Celestial Lily is endemic to Florida which means it is found nowhere else on Earth. It is found in the swamps, marshes, low flatwoods and hammocks of the coastal counties from central to south Florida. It flowers in the fall, as the name suggests, and opens from 4 to 6 p.m. The flowers are violet-blue and have six petals.

